

### Science in the Economic Recovery Bill February 2, 2009

I rise to highlight the importance of science in our American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Research and innovation lie behind the long-term economic success of this country, and it's worth noting that science research creates jobs now. A report by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation determined that for each additional \$1 billion invested in science in the economic recovery, 20,000 American jobs are created. These jobs go not just to scientists but to research assistants, electricians, technicians and construction workers. We need to provide a comprehensive set of jobs in this package so that our new roads and bridges built with the funds lead to research facilities and high tech start-up companies that will provide the foundation for the economy of the 21st century. The ideal project is one that keeps on giving, and that is exactly what scientific research projects do. In his inaugural address, President Obama said, "We will restore science to its rightful place." The legislation we have been considering places science in an important place in short-term job creation and long-term economic growth.